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**REMARKS**

Acknowledgment is made of the telephone interview with Examiner Hoey on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Claims 1 and 21, the independent claims were discussed. Counsel noted that Litman did not show the claimed cushion packing comprised of at least two spacer cushion pads and a transition piece that extended between the spacer cushion pads. In the invention of this application the spacer cushion pads are constructed and arranged to stand out distinctly relative to the transition piece, i.e., they are thicker than the transition piece. Examiner Hoey suggested amending the independent claims to recite that the transition piece "extended" between the spacer cushion pads, rather than being "inserted" between the spacer cushion pads to distinguish over Litman. By the present Supplemental Amendment, this was the only change made to the claims.

Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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